Widening and strengthening of NHs

†3363. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the highways of the country for which the works of widening and strengthening are in progress at present;

(b) by when the construction works of all these highways are likely to be completed;

(c) whether it is a fact that the construction works of most of the highways are being implemented very slow;

(d) if so, the steps Government is taking to expedite the construction works of the said highways; and

(e) the number of highways for which Government is planning the work of widening and strengthening in the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Road accidents and help provided to affected people

†3364. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents during the year 2007;

(b) the number of persons died and injured in road accidents, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for rising road accidents;

(d) the steps so far taken by Government to check rising number of road accidents; and

(e) the help extended by Government to the affected people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) As per the report by the States/UTs, the number of road accidents on all roads during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 which is the latest available data, is as under:—

Year	Road Accidents on all roads
2004	429910
2005	439255
2006	460920(P)

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(b) As per the report by the States/UTs, the details regarding number of persons killed and persons injured on all roads due to road accident during the year 2004, 2005 and 2006 (the latest available data) are annexed as Statement (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.